

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or withdrawn. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

Claims 1 – 33 (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

establishing an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period;

transmitting, electronically and during the time period, a plurality of requests to the expert, wherein each request comprises a request for a diagnosis of a physiological anomaly associated with a patient;

receiving, from the expert, a response to each of the requests;

receiving, for each response that is an acceptance of the request, the diagnosis for the patient of the request; and

causing the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum ~~amount~~ number of diagnoses during the time period.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

selecting the ~~expert~~ expert from a plurality of remote experts based on a received anomaly and the agreement.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

causing a reduced compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has not provided the minimum ~~amount~~ number of diagnoses during the time period.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

causing the compensation amount to be withheld from the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has not provided the minimum ~~amount~~ number of diagnoses during the time period.

38. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

incrementing a stored number of diagnoses provided by the expert during the time period when the diagnosis is received.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising:

determining that the diagnosis provided is associated with at least one factor that indicates a complication in providing the diagnosis; and

incrementing the stored ~~amount~~ number of diagnoses by an additional amount based on the at least one factor.

40. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one factor that indicates a complication in providing the diagnosis comprises at least one of:

- (i) a greater than average complexity in the anomaly,
- (ii) a greater than average amount of time required to provide the diagnosis,
- (iii) an indication that the expert communicated directly with the patient; and
- (iv) an indication that the patient's life was saved due to the diagnosis.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

providing to the expert, at least once during the time period, an indication of a current number of diagnoses provided.

42. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

establishing an agreement with an entity, wherein the entity agrees to continuously monitor physiological parameters through at least one telemetry device in exchange for compensation;

wearing the at least one telemetry device;

receiving an indication from the entity that an anomaly has occurred in at least one of the physiological parameters; and

receiving a diagnosis based on the anomaly, the diagnosis being based on an opinion of at least one expert contacted by the entity in response to a detection of the anomaly.

43. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of receiving a diagnosis comprises:

receiving a diagnosis based on the anomaly, wherein the diagnosis includes at least one instruction regarding an action to be taken in accordance with the diagnosis.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42 43, wherein the action to be taken comprises: an action to be taken by the entity.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42 43, wherein the at least one instruction comprises:

an instruction to take a medication.

46 – 49 (Cancelled)

50. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device,

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

establish an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period;

transmit, electronically and during the time period, a plurality of requests to the expert, wherein each request comprises a request for a diagnosis of a physiological anomaly associated with a patient;

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receive, from the expert, a response to each of the requests;
receive, for each response that is an acceptance of the request, the diagnosis for the patient of the request; and
cause the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum ~~amount~~ number of diagnoses during the time period.

51. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period;

transmitting, electronically and during the time period, a plurality of requests to the expert, wherein each request comprises a request for a diagnosis of a physiological anomaly associated with a patient;

receiving, from the expert, a response to each of the requests;

receiving, for each response that is an acceptance of the request, the diagnosis for the patient of the request; and

causing the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum ~~amount~~ number of diagnoses during the time period.

52. (New) A method, comprising:

establishing an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period; and

causing the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum number of diagnoses during the time period.

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53. (NEW) The method of claim 52, wherein the diagnoses comprise diagnoses for patients who are remote from the expert and whose physiological parameters are being monitored by a remote monitoring system that facilitates the agreement.